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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1764**

**PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04173.0403**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yutaka HASEGAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1764
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Serial No.: 09/472,150) Examiner: J. Leung
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Filed: December 27, 1999)
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For: HIGH-PRESSURE TREATMENT)
APPARATUS, FEEDING METHOD)
THERETO AND PROTECTION)
METHOD THEREOF)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of February 24, 2003 (Paper No. 13), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15, 19, and 20, and cancel claim 27, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, as follows:

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